Community participation in education

2180. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI VIRAN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have so far been taken to encourage community participation in planning and implementation of targets in the primary, secondary and university level education;

(b) what have been the targets fixed and to what extent the objectives have so far been achieved and what has been the rate of growth in literacy at each level, during each of the last three years, both in urban and rural areas;

(c) what has been the response of Government and non-Governmental agencies in this regard; and

(d) what have been the budget provisions made and expenditure incurred on these schemes during each of the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Universalisation of Elementary Education and Adult Education Programmes lay emphasis on Community participation. While it is difficult to quantify community participation, it is substantial in several States and is manifest in several activities such as construction of school buildings, facilitating the functioning of Non-Formal Education Centres and in innovative projects like the Shiksha Karmi. As of now it is estimated that about 5 million volunteers are engaged in Total Literacy Campaign. From 1988 to 1993 (September), functional literacy was imparted to 35.75 million persons in the age group 15 to 35.

Development of Hockey in Bihar

2181. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: V the Minister of HUMAN RESOUR DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Hoc is very popular among the youth of Bi and the State has given a number outstanding international hockey pla to the country;

(b) if so, whether Governmen h evolved some special plans for the de lopment of hockey in Bihar in or to find out and train hockey players international events; and

(c) if so, what are the details there

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN T MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUR DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT CULTURE) (SHRI MUKUL WASNI (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Sports Authority of In (SAI) has formulated various schei for the development of sports in gen and Hockey in particular in the St of Bihar. The details of the schei are as under:—

(i) *National sports talent con (NSTC) scheme*

Under this Scheme, SAI has selec the following schools in Chhotanag belt where Hockey is being nurtured:

— St. Ignatius High School, Gum

— Govt. High School, Ranchi

In addition, B. S. High School, Sundergarh in the neighbourhood of Bihar where Hockey is equally popular, has also been adopted.

(ii) *Sports project development area (SPDA) scheme*

Keeping in view the Hockey potential in that area, SAI is setting up an SPDA Centre at Gumla which will cater to the children from the four neighbouring districts.

(iii) *Special area games (SAG) Scheme*

Under the Special Area Games Scheme, talented hockey players have been scouted from the tribal belt of Bihar covering Ranchi, Gumla, Palamu and Singhbhum districts drawn from the traditionally famous Khasi tournaments. The talent was scouted during 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1993. The Hockey players are imparted scientific training/coaching in the SAG Centre at Ranchi. At present, there are 31 trainees at the Centre (16 boys and 15 girls). The trainees are also provided non-formal education. In addition, a special Hockey Stadium with synthetic Hockey surface was laid in 1992 by Bihar State with the help of Govt. of India in Ranchi.

Development of play fields in Bihar

2182. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central assistance is available to the States and Union Territories for the development of play fields therein;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the amount of the Central assistance availed of by Bihar for the purpose during the last three years with year-wise details thereof; and

(d) the number of play fields developed in Bihar during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, financial assistance for development of play field is rendered subject to the cost being shared between the Union Government and the sponsoring agencies/State Government concerned in the ratio 75 : 25 in respect of the Hilly/Tribal Areas and 50 : 50 in case of other areas. Under another Scheme of Grants to Rural Schools, a lump-sum grant of Rs. 1.00 lakh, without any matching contribution from the State Government, is available for a school, situated in rural area only, for development of play field or for purchase of non-consumable sports equipment or for both.

(c) and (d) No Central assistance for development of play fields has been availed by Bihar during the last three financial years. However, during the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 15,57,656 only has been sanctioned in favour of nineteen rural schools for purchase of non-consumable sports equipment as per Statement.